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$2500 Grant By Agawam Rotarians Boosts Senior Center Fund Drive

Agawam Rotary Treasurer, Gary Petersen presents Senior Center Director, Margaret Taeger with a $2,500 check for the new Senior Center Furniture Fund Drive.

A $2,500 grant by the Agawam Rotary Club has given the "Senior Center Furniture Fund Drive" a much-needed lift towards its goal of $15,000.

The new 12,000 square foot center located in the elderly project off Main St. is expected to be completed within the next sixty days. The facility will accomodate some 250 persons at one time. Activities for Seniors will be expanded and will be open to all Agawam persons over 60 years of age.

The $450,000 center is being constructed with $150,000 in town funds and the balance from state funds. With the exception of the kitchen equipment, funds for furnishings will be derived through public subscription. Individuals or organizations wishing to contribute can do so by contacting the Senior Center director Margaret Taeger at 770 Main St., 786-8451.

The SPAN Center also received a $225 grant to renovate and expand the heating plant for the SPAN facility. The Rotary, which was formed last year now numbers 40 members and is actively involved in the community. Their interest in the SPAN dates from their inception.

The SPAN Center, located at 770 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills, provides counseling and therapy services for Agawam and the surrounding area. The Center staff works out of a small house. Due to an increase in clients over the past six months, changes have had to be made in the use of the facility. These changes brought about an increased need for heating.

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Joyous Bells!

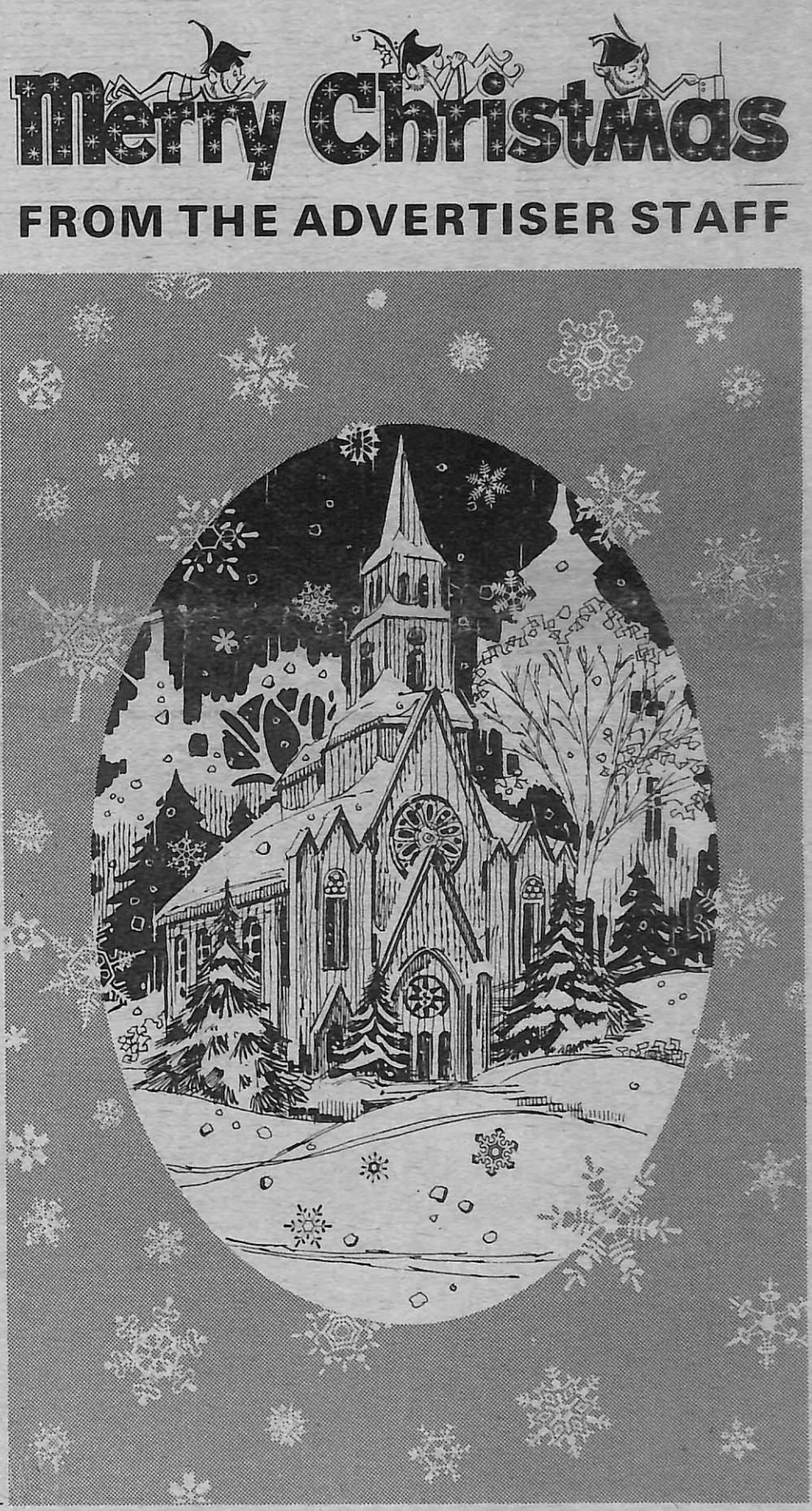
One of the most joyous symbols of Christmas is the ringing of bells. The mellow, sweet-toned ones in church steeples and belfries have heralded the coming of Christmas since the Middle Ages.

In addition to the bells that ring with solemn grandeur from cathedral and churches there are the secular types that hail the pure joy of the occasion.

Christmas had become well established before bells became an important part of the celebration. The first large bell for a Christian church is said to have originated with a bishop in Italy, in the fifth century, A.D.

Church bells have called people to worship, they have told the time of day, they peal for weddings and toll for deaths, they have been rung to warn of enemies and disasters and to celebrate happy events of many varieties. But the high point of every year has been the ringing of church bells during the Christmas season. In England, especially, this became a tradition, during the Middle Ages. The joyful clangor started at vespers on the first Sunday in Advent, and repeated on the following Advent Sundays. On the three mornings before Christmas Day, happy peals were rung as a reminder. At sunset on December 24th and every hour thereafter until sunset on December 25th bells pealed joyously. On Christmas Day bells would be rung spontaneously, at any hour.

In the melodious tones of their church bells people believed they heard "the songs of the angels" on that first Christmas, so long ago.



FROM THE ADVERTISER STAFF

Somehow, not only for Christmas
But all the long year Through.
The joy that you give to others
Is the joy that comes back to you.

John Greenleaf Whittier

Looking at WASHINGTON

Killer Satellites

Two magazines reported recently the Soviet Union had used laser beams to destroy or damage a U.S. satellite. The Pentagon and the State Department denied the reports. Spokesmen for both said no U.S. satellite had been interfered with in any way by the Soviets.

One is inclined to accept the official version. Alarming reports about a potential enemy's superior weapons are traditional. When correct, they serve to warn in time, and are vitally important and useful.

Too often, however, there are other motives in scare stories. It is common knowledge in Washington that the Navy for years annually sighted Soviet submarines on sinister missions near the U.S. when Congress was considering the defense budget. Defense industries which stand to profit from new or expanded contracts gain from fears about the potential enemy.

Generals and admirals who want more money and weapons benefit from scare stories. This doesn't mean all scare stories are inaccurate or planted by the military, though many are. It means sensational claims of this nature should be carefully studied, checked and verified—before the public or Congress reacts.

A Period Of Danger

The victory of Jimmy Carter has led to suspension of arms agreement talks between Washington and Moscow. Although about ninety per cent of a new agreement had been completed, an agreement that was to extend the two-year accord reached at Vladivostok in November, 1974, two issues remain unresolved.

President Ford and the Russians both felt it would be meaningless to proceed with a new agreement that might or might not be favored by the new Carter Administration. Thus, disagreement over whether the Russian Backfire bomber is strategic and how to count U.S. Cruise missiles remains.

A danger period (with possibilities for cheating) now begins, since SALT I is expiring and it will be several months before a new accord can be reached.

The original agreement limiting both nations to 2400 long-range nuclear-armed missile launchers was a desirable first step. President-elect Carter and his new team should give number-one priority to concluding a followup agreement.

If a limiting agreement is not reached, Russia is in a position to rapidly outdistance the U.S. in nuclear numbers—primarily because this country spends most of its defense funds on high salaries rather than weapons, while the reverse is true in Russia.

South Rising

There's an old song about the South rising again. It is. Those who saved Confederate money haven't gained a return, but new Census Bureau figures show the South now leads the rest of the country in growth by a wide margin.

In the first five years of this decade, population in the South rose by 5.3 million. That was more than the growth of all the other regions of the country combined.

The Northeast showed a small increase of 400,000 (mostly from new births), the North Central region grew by 1.1 million and the West by 3 million. Only New York, Rhode Island and the District of Columbia showed a net population loss in the 1970-75 period.

But ten other states, mostly in the Northeast and North Central areas, showed a migration loss. The greater number of births than deaths in these states meant a slight population increase though more adults were moving out than in.

Florida outdistanced all states in growth, gaining 1.4 million people in the five years. If the trend continues, the South could become the dominant political region of the nation, though economically it still lags in many areas.

Children & TV

In a recent experiment in Connecticut pre-school children were limited to an hour of television a week. In some cases, children who had been withdrawn and had few friends became more sociable, sought other children to play with and began to use more imagination.

Though the experiment was private and no documented or scientific publication resulted, it showed parents concerned the benefits of reduced television viewing by children.

Some are tempted to allow youngsters to turn on television whenever they wish, since this eases the task of supervision. In effect, this is largely turning over the indoctrination and education of one's child to commercial television, out for sales and profits, not uplifting social or educational standards.

Feelin' Good

By M.A. PETTI, M.D.

If you have a cold, don't ask your doctor for a shot. He might give it to you. Antibiotics just do not help a cold and sometimes even make matters worse.

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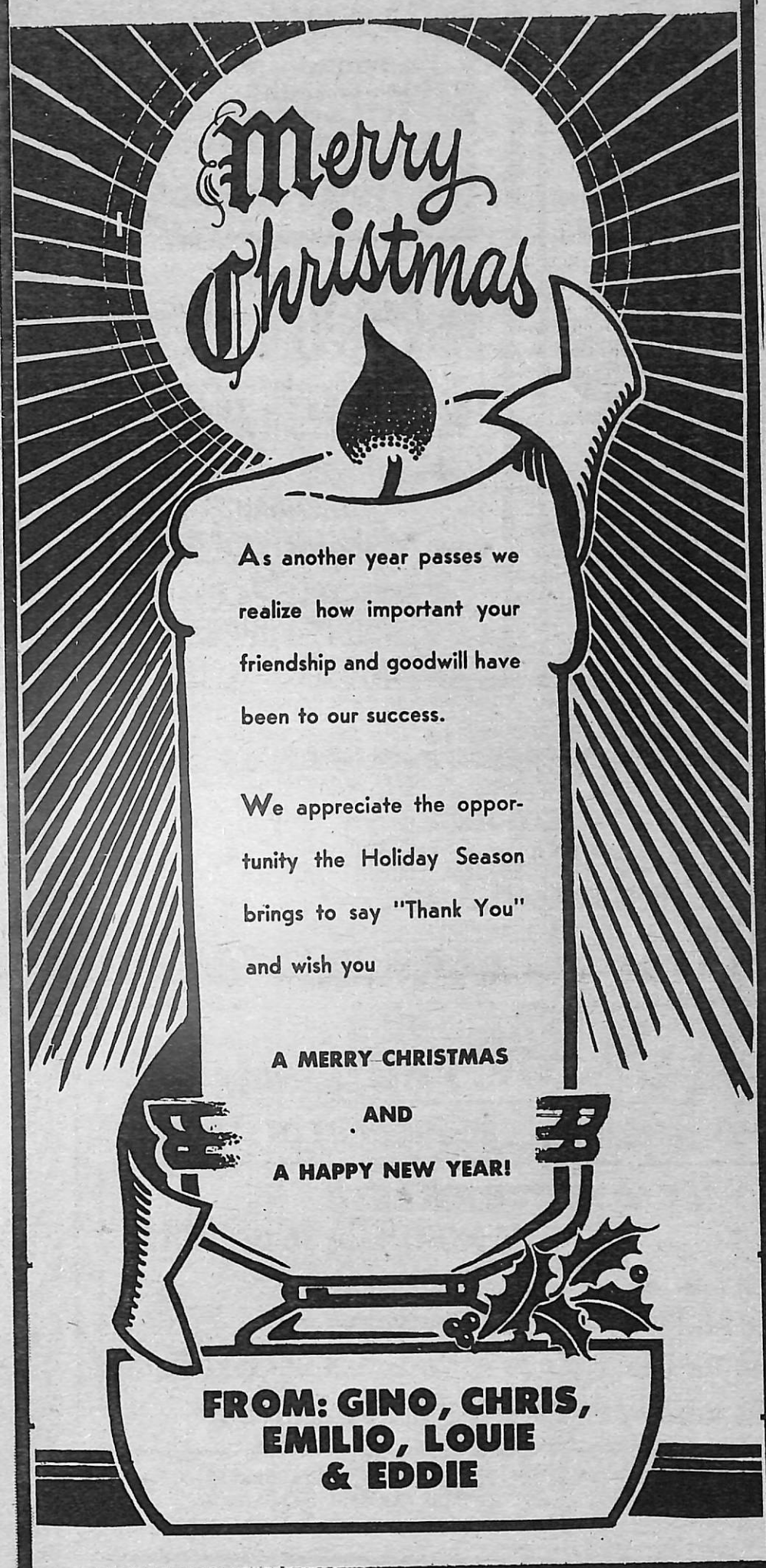

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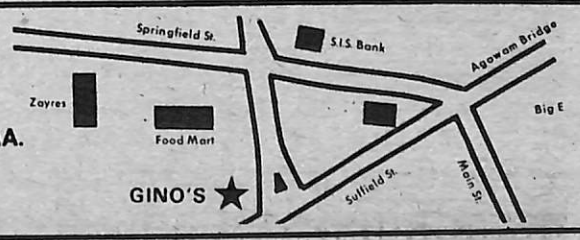

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SENIOR XMAS PARTY HUGE SUCCESS

by Ginny Grenier

The Polish Club in Feeding Hills, gaily-decorated, was host to 105 Senior Citizens recently at the annual Christmas party, given each year by the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

With the capable and efficient help of Jennie and Al Christopher, an excellent dinner of macaroni and meatballs, with all the trimmings was served, with members of the Junior Women's Club acting as waitresses.

Entertainment was provided by Maryann's School of Dance and then the floor was cleared for dancing with music provided by "Banjo's and Brass," a well-known trio consisting of Scotty Sicotte, Joe Panetta and Frankie Braziel.

A very well-rounded Santa distributed gifts to all those attending and each person also received a fruit basket and a door prize before leaving.

The festive day will long be remembered by the recipients and special recognition should be given to those who unselfishlessly donated their time and efforts to make the phrase "Have a Good Day" come true during this holiday season.

TOWN HALL ENTRANCE DECORATED

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department craft workshop classes decorated the entrance to the Town Hall by depicting the Twelve Days of Christmas on each window pane of the front door. In addition, a small Christmas tree is adorned with ornaments handmade by class members. Participating in the decorating were: Jennifer Powell, Kelly Casineau, David Mullins, Linda Lafontaine, Rose Morassi, Heather Bonnello, Cindy Carpenter, Denise Borrello.

Craft classes were held at the Agawam Middle School on Saturday mornings throughout the Fall. New classes will begin Saturday, January 8. For more information call the Parks and Recreation office at 786-0400 Extensions 33 or 57.

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Jimmy Carter, President-elect:
"There could not have been a better demonstration of friendship and unity and good will than shown me by President Ford."

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Mary Louise Smith, resigning as GOP chairman:
"I hope my resignation will serve as a catalyst for the emergence of a new, broadbased leadership . . . "

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Henry Kissinger, Secretary of State:
"I have always believed that foreign policy is a nonpartisan affair and all Americans should support the foreign policy of the United States."

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Robert Dole, GOP vice presidential candidate:
"The Republican party erred in writing off the black vote during the presidential campaign."

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Dean Rusk, former Secretary of State under Kennedy and Johnson:
"Fundamental foreign policies are a matter of continuity from one president to another."

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John Connally, former Treasury Secretary under Nixon:
"The Republican Party has to come up with some fresh ideas or die."

Golden Gleams

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights.
-James 1:17.

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Whoever makes great gifts wishes great gifts to be made to him in return.
-Martial.

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Rich gifts wax poor when givers prove unkind.
-Shakespeare.

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A wicked man's gift hath a touch of his master.
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AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB

By Julie Dubuque

MONTHLY MEETING

The Christmas meeting of the Agawam Junior Women's Club will be held on Tuesday, December 21 at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam. December is devoted to the Arts Federation, and Mrs. Patricia Humiston, Chairman, will be hostess for the evening. Following a short business meeting, members will be entertained with a Christmas play. A Christmas party will follow with refreshments, music, and an old-fashioned gift exchange. Members are reminded to bring a small gift, and items for under the Christmas tree. A craft table will be one of the highlights of the evening, with handmade items offered for sale.

HERITAGEHALL

On Wednesday, December 8, the Agawam Junior Women's Club members and their children, visited Heritage Hall Nursing Home. A Christmas tree was decorated for the patients, and refreshments were provided by the staff. An afternoon of Christmas cheer was enjoyed by the patients as they visited with the children and club members.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS-CARE

Mrs. Charlotte Venturini, International Affairs chairman of the Agawam Junior Women's Club is participating in the "CARE for Children" nutrition program. Christmas is not always a time for joy, not for the hungry children of the world. Mrs. Venturini has sent a CARE Christmas card to the President of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Anne Holland; the Director of Junior Clubs, Mrs. Marilyn Perry; President of Agawam Women's Club, Mrs. Phyllis Catchepaugh, and President of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, Mrs. Karen Douglas. By purchasing CARE Christmas cards for $2.00 apiece, the underprivileged countries receive aid. What better way to send Christmas cheer than a CARE Card! All donations will be credited to the CARE for Children program. The clubs of the General Federation of Women's Clubs throughout the nation are participating in this program. Mrs. Venturini will also be selling holly at the December meeting, with all proceeds going to CARE for Children.

AGAWAM WOMEN'S CLUB

The Agawam Women's Club December 20 meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House. This year's Christmas Party will begin with a program of music provided by the Agawam High School Madrigal Group. A gift exchange and evening of fun and music will follow. The invocation will be given by Miss Jean Goss, and special refreshments will be served by Mrs. Donald Mills and her committee. Veterans Chairman, Mrs. Kenneth Pond along with club members have made two afgans and forty two "Ditty Bags" filled with toiletries and personal items and will be donated to Holyoke Soldiers Home. A "Mitten Tree" will be sent to Belchertown State School. Members are reminded to bring in mittens and their gift exchange.

Study lists TV sports hours

A study of televised sports indicates that from October, 1974, through January, 1976, there were 332 hours of football, 157 hours of baseball, 112 hours of basketball and 107 hours of tennis.

The A. C. Nielsen Co. conducted the survey.

Racial origins on death row

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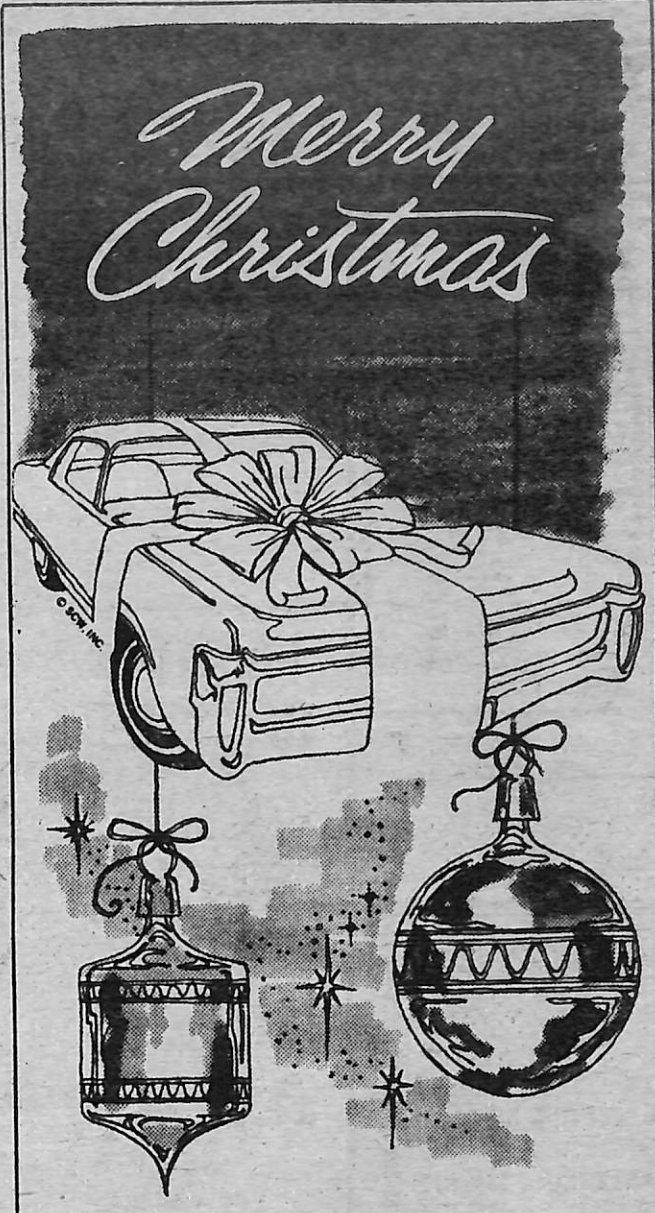
The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People conducted the count.



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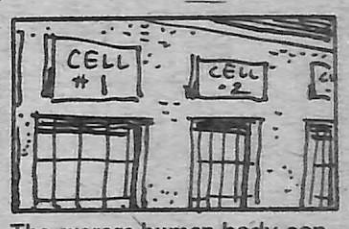

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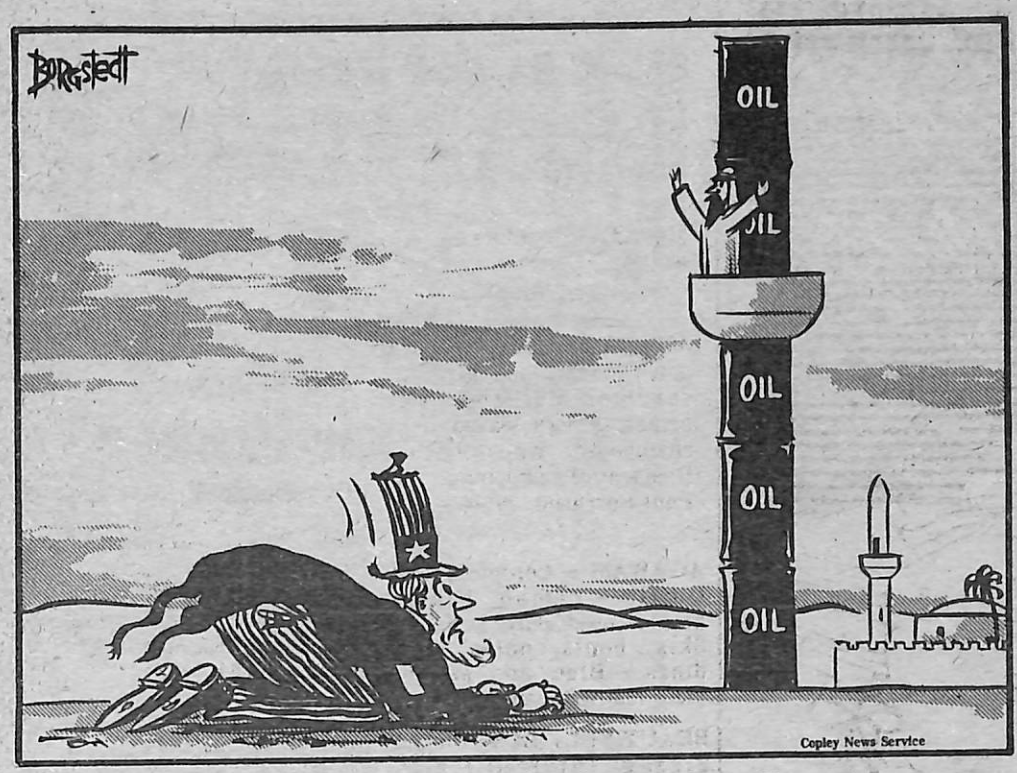

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The Wine Rack

By MARY McGRATH

A HOLIDAY GIFT OF JOY

Wine is many things: the most complimentary beverage before, with and after meals, a form of celebration and certainly a perfect gift. Since the ancient Greeks worshipped Dionysius, wine has been a symbol of sharing and happiness, and a thoughtfully chosen selection of wine is truly a gift of friends.

A fun present to buy and receive is a personal choice of different wines arranged in a wicker basket -- perhaps with a corkscrew or some wine glasses added. The price can be adjusted to any budget and the imaginative gift ideas are unlimited:

For the California wine lover: five different Zinfandels supply an informative tasting party, or three different white varietals -- a Pinot Chardonnay, Johannisberg Riesling, and Chenin Blanc -- provide the opportunity to capture each varietal's essence.

For the person who has everything -- a mini-wine cellar is always a welcome gift: six bottles or 12 half-bottles representing the finest wines grown in distinguished viticultural areas. A German Moselle, French red Bordeaux and white Burgundy, an Italian Barola, California Cabernet Sauvignon and Tavel Rose make an elegant addition to the life-style of a worthy individual.

For the gourmet cook: a new cookbook on the market, along with a fine sherry, marsala, dry red and white wines, all to be used in delicious meals.

For the sweet tooth: a collection of sweet wines, including a Hungarian Tokay, Oloroso or Cream Sherry, Portuguese Port and Italian Marsala, are a creative ultimate.

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ABOUT YOUR HOME

By April Rhodes

Keep air filters in forced-draft, warm-air furnaces clean. This is the time of year they clog up rapidly.

Before putting up your Christmas tree this year be sure all electrical wires and sockets for your tree lights are safe.

Study seed catalogs now and draw planting bed plans.

Kitchen paint will stay fresh longer if you leave a window slightly open for steam and moisture to escape. This is not necessary if you use an exhaust fan.

Fashion

Tweeds and wool are combined in many of the high fashioned suits for women today.

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SPORTSMEN'S CORNER

Briggs Bags Big Buck

Bobby Briggs, Agawam Fireman, proudly poses with his N.Y. eight point buck, he bagged with the bow and arrow.

By Bill Chiba

The Souther Tier of N.Y. state is noted for the abundance of deer and the very large bucks that roam the country side. This phenomenon did not happen by accident. The state of N.Y. created it.

During the early forties, many farms in the Southern Tier folded up and the state purchased them. The results being thousands of acres of land managed under a conservation program that enhanced the propogation of wildlife and made available to the general public hundreds of miles of hiking, horseback riding and snowmobile trails. The actual labor for maintaining such a vast undertaking is handled by prisoners at the Monterey prison. The small towns surrounded by the state lands benefit from the tourist, hunters, and fishermen that visit the area to satisfy their thirst for their particular sport.

Ed Lewis's farm and hunting camp is located practically in the middle of the best hunting territory we have visited in a long time.

Bobby Briggs, Gary Schnieder, Noel Brown, Jimmy Brown and this writer spent ten beautiful days bow hunting for deer recently. We put up at Ed's hunting camp which is located right on top of a mountain. A very rustic (4 wheel drive needed) winds up the almost straight mountain side from Ed's farm below. When it rains, the dry clay turns into slippery mud and the trip up and down is a separate experience.

We were eating lunch at noon Sunday when Bob Briggs broached a question to Noel. "I found a ravine with six pawings in it just on the edge of the large group of Larch below the prison camp, think it would be a good place to put a tree stand? " Noel replied," What have you to lose, the signs are there and the buck must be visiting the area sometime during the day, you might get lucky and be there this afternoon when he strolls in." Bob said that he would put up a stand when he returned after dinner. What happened around four p.m. is a typical deer story that can only happen to a bow hunter.

Bob put up the stand and climbed up into it. The tree was small and the stand wasn't as high as Bob would have liked it, but it had to do. A small deer walked down to the pawings and puttered around, raised it's head and attempted to out stare Bob. Finally, it waved it's tail and moved off behind the tree. Bob watched it go and thought, "this stand is lousy when the first deer that comes along picks me out immediately." He swung his gaze around to the center of the ravine and almost fell out of the tree. Four large does were browsing almost under him. Suddenly from up the hill a large rack buck charges right through the middle of the does, swings around right under Bob's tree and stops in the middle of the pawings and stares at the does he had just dispersed. Bob shoots ... the buck sported eight nice points and field dressed at 178.

Before the hunt was over with, Brownie nailed a small buck on a drive and Gary and I, both, had shots at two deer that were going wide open past us. We missed!

The old saying, "when you're hot, you are hot" fits Bob Briggs to a tee. Bob was unable to get out to bow hunt in Mass. till Wed. morning after the N.Y. trip. He arrived at his tree stand in Tolland, Mass. late and flushed a group of does that were feeding in the vicinity of his stand. He climbed up into the tree anyway. About two minutes after hanging his bow on a branch, an eight point buck is walking up the hill and past the amazed hunter about thirty yards away. Bob shoots an arrow and missed. The buck continued to walk past the tree up the hill ... Bob hangs up his bow ... bends down to arrange his gear and is looking down on the buck who had walked back down the hill from behind and was standing right under the tree. Bob picked up his bow off of the branch, the branch breaks, and falls down on the buck. He shrugged and took a couple of steps forward. Bob shoots and this deer dressed out 170 lbs. Yup! this is bow hunting.

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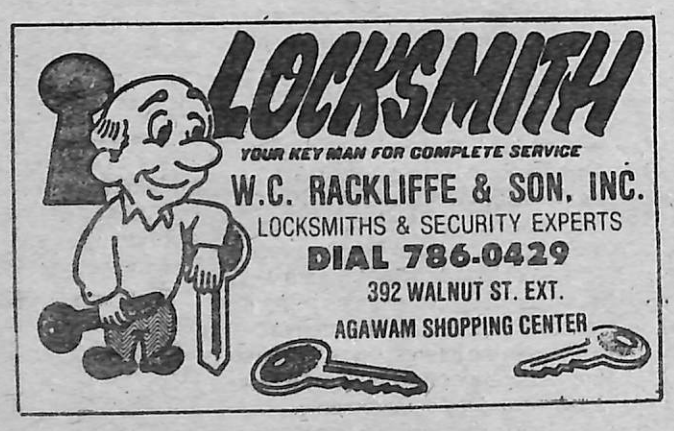

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Mr. Roman was also graduated in June from North Adams State College. He received a BS degree in Business Education and is employed by F.W. Webb, Inc.

An August wedding is planned.

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Dancing will take place from nine o'clock.

Chairpersons for the affair are George Brown and Alice Berniere. Tickets are limited and reservations should be made early and can be acquired at the Post Home.

C. Fuchs Named To "Who's Who"

Christopher Fuchs, of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, was recently selected to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Fuchs is an accounting major at the university, with a minor in business management. A member of Beta Alpha Psi, the national collegiate accounting honor society, and the UMass Accounting Association, he has attained a 3.47 cumulative grade point average through the end of his junior year.

He is the sone of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Fuchs of Agawam and plans working for a national Certified Public Accounting firm next year.

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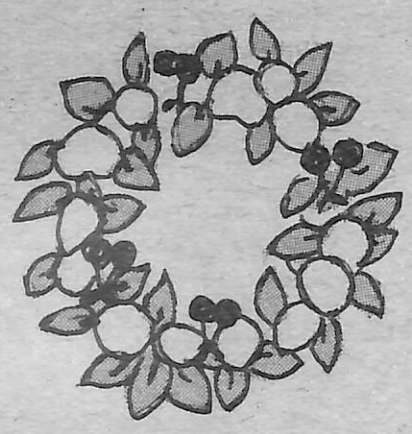
Making Your Own Wreaths

By Andrea Gallano Lemme

Material wreaths are very simple to make because they have no set pattern, just imagination. My last year's wreath consisted of material fruits on a green leaf felt background. However, my friends wreaths consisted of santa clauses, angels, and flowers. All made from material.

MATERIALS NEEDED:
Styro-foam ring
Material or felt at least a 6" square of each.
Material glue (Sobo works the best)
Stuffing (try the lint from your drier)

DIRECTIONS:
Cut two of every pattern you are going to use. Glue wrong sides together leaving enough room to stuff. Lay your background out first before you glue them on. If you make your items too fat you can use common pins along with the glue to put them on the ring.



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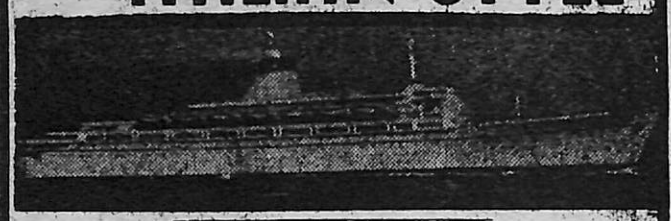

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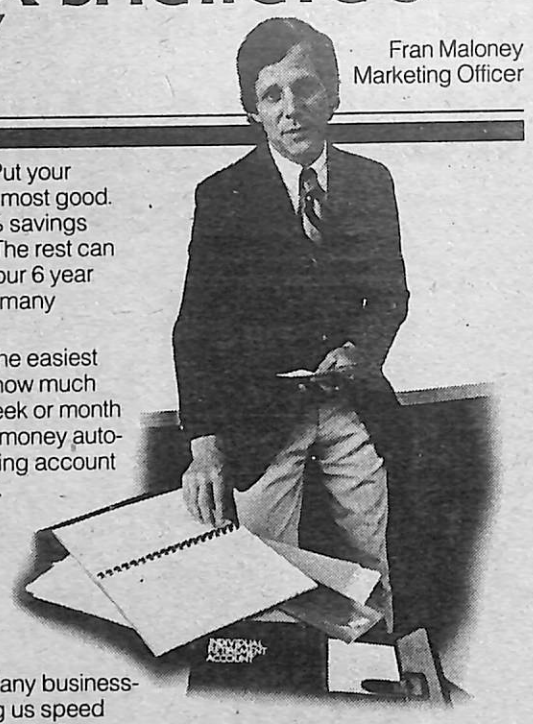

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INSIDE TV

JOEY SASSO

TV REPORT -- "Charlie's Angels" may be the first prime-time girlie show of television. "Anyone who thinks these girls are really private detectives," says executive-producer Aaron Spelling, "is nuts." Despite the fact that the producers have budgeted a third of a million dollars per episode, the show is not to be taken seriously. It's not even realistic! Lest we be biased, this could apply to other cops and robbers series ... Alejandro Rey has joined the cast of "Days Of Our Lives," NBC's daytime television serial drama. Rey will portray wealthy sportsman, Karl DuVal. This is his first daytime serial in this country.

TV LANE -- Rock Hudson is 51 years old and has made over 60 movies. He is presently working on the sixth season of his hit television series, "McMillan." Which if nothing else should earn him the title of "durable." He is well liked and respected among members of the industry and his only beef with the business seems to be a minor one. "I have given over a thousand interviews," he told me. "And I've often wondered how an interviewer can come into somebody's home and ask all kinds of questions, brazen questions, insulting questions or whatever device they use to get a story. It must take an awful lot of guts. I couldn't do it. I could if...well...suppose I were assigned to go down to talk with Richard Burton. I could talk to him about acting, about his career, about the ups and downs of his career, what he did or didn't do. But I could never ask him about his personal life. Unfortunately, the readers could not care less about the ups and downs of his career. They want to know about his personal life, that's the sad thing."

TV TICKER -- Freddie Prinze considers himself a dramatic actor who can also be funny. "I've also loved making people laugh, but most people do not realize my earliest training was in straight drama. I plan to do more and more drama, but I'll never give up comedy completely. I have a warm spot in my heart for comedy. It paved the way for everything else."... Archie Bunker a writer? No way. but Carroll O'Connor, who plays America's most famous blue-collar combatant, has been at the typewriter of late, tussling with the muse. He's writing and will star in television's version of "The Last Hurrah," Edwin O'Connor's hit 1956 novel about Boston politics and a fine old rogue of a mayor who tosses his derby in the ring one last time ...

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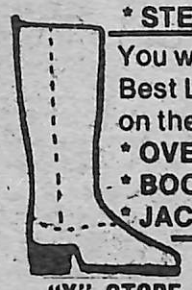

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CHRISTMAS CHORUS CONCERT PLANNED

Members of the Springfield Symphony Chorus rehearse for the Christmas Choral Festival Concert, to be held Saturday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Symphony Hall.

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra is planning a Christmas Choral Festival Concert, Saturday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Symphony Hall.

This year's special holiday concert was designed to feature orchestral and choral music relating to both the traditional Christmas and Hanukkah festival celebrations. The program will feature the full Springfield Symphony Chorus, the Western Massachusetts Young People's Symphony, the Springfield Symphony Chamber Chorus and Chamber Ensemble; all under the direction of Robert Gutter.

This year's concert is an outgrowth of last season's tremendously successfull presentation of Handel's Messiah. The December 18 concert will have several special features planned to make the evening particularly memorable.

A choral procession featuring traditional Christmas music will open the concert. Also included on the first half of the program will be the Pergolesi Magnificat and Leonard Berstein's dramatic and powerful Chichester Psalms. Conductor Robert Gutter has planned special works featuring antiphonal brass choirs.

The interior of Symphony Hall promises to be beautifully decorated by a committee from the Springfield Symphony Chorus. Following intermission the Western Massachusetts Young People's Symphony joins the full Springfield Symphony Chorus for a musical arrangement of holiday favorites by the famed choral director Robert Shaw and Robert Russell Bennett. The music is titled The Many Moods of Christmas.

Tickets have been specially priced at only $2.50 and $3.50 with a 50¢ discount for children, students, and senior citizens. Tickets to the Christmas Choral Festival Concert may be reserved by calling the Symphony Office at (413) 733-2291.

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DEAR OLDTIMER:

When Sinclair Lewis wrote the book "Elmer Gantry" he was observing an important social and religious phenomenon peculiar to the American way of life -- and that was over 40 years ago! I have discussed the subject you bring up in your letter and not even social scientists agree on a specific answer regarding our youth and the popularity of some Eastern cults/religions. My own opinion is that there is a generation of kids whose parents struggled to give affluence to, which in turn resulted in more freedom. When people have a lot of time on their hands, they often turn to two things: religion, and ironically, crime.

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DEAR DEBBIE:

The other night a friend and I paid an unexpected visit on a girl we roomed with in college. She refused to let us in her apartment and said she was in the middle of a project and that we should have called first. We left feeling rejected.

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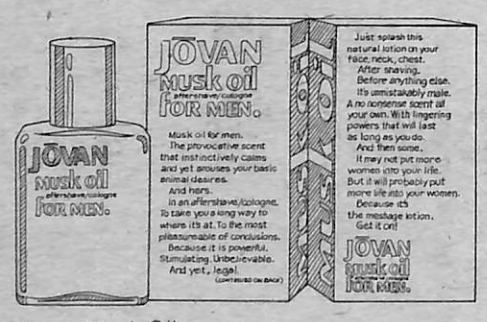

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